

STRAIGHT FROM THE COACHES' CORNER

Term 2. Edition 1

Equestrian



Annalene van der Merwe (Grade 10) represented St John's D.S.G. in her first SANESA qualifier on 26 and 27 March. Annalene and her horse, Chantilly Girl placed second for Equitation and third for Dressage.

Sage Lavagna-Slater (Grade 9) also participated in the SANESA Qualifier 2 on Sunday, 27 March at Canterbury in Pietermaritzburg. She had a great show and achieved 1st place in 80cm 2-Phase and 2nd place in 80cm A2 Competition. Congratulations to both these riders.

Chess

Captain: Nitara Visvanathan



Squash

A number of our girls played in the KZN Closed Squash Tournament and did extremely well!

U19

8th Ruth Bromley

9th Sarah-Jayne Wylie

11th Renee Sutherland

U16

12th Dermika Pillay

Swimming

Milla Drakopoulos (Grade 10) won 7 gold medals at the South African Junior National Swimming Championships held in Port Elizabeth during the April holidays. In the 15-year-old category she won gold medals in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke events and the 50m butterfly event. Her times qualified her to participate in the Senior Women's 100m and 200m backstroke event where she finished in 4th position amongst the top women swimmers in the country.

Milla has qualified and been invited to participate in the Mare Nostrum events which take place in Monaco, Barcelona and Canet in May. We are so looking forward to watching her compete on the world stage.

Milla has also qualified for the Junior World Championships in the 100m backstroke, which will be held in Lima, Peru between 30 August and 4 September.

Well done Milla!

Well done to all the swimmers who participated in the Level 2 and 3 Championships, as well as the SA Schools Championships.



When all results from these galas have been received they will be announced and included in our newsletter.

1st Team Tours

St Mary's, Waverley 1st Team Hockey Festival

Our 1st Team hockey girls finished in 14th place out of 32 teams at the St Mary's, Waverley Hockey Festival, and finished as the top Pietermaritzburg girls' team ahead of GHS and St Anne's. Out of the 12 matches we played, we won 4, drew 4 and lost 4.

This was a great tournament and good preparation for the busy season ahead.

Pool Games (finished 5th in our pool)

vs St Mary's, Waverley lost 0 – 3

vs PMB Girls High won 2 – 0

vs Paarl Girls High lost 0 – 1

vs Bloemhof drew 1 – 1

vs Pretoria drew 0 – 0

vs Windhoek won 1 – 0

vs Waterkloof lost 0 – 1



Round 2

vs Garsfontein won 1 – 0

vs St Stithians drew 0 – 0

vs Pearson won 1 – 0

Playoffs

vs Somerset drew 0 – 0 – won 1 – 0 on shootout

vs Affies lost 0 – 1



St Stithians 1st Team Netball Festival

We won 3, lost 2 and drew 1

vs St Cyprian's lost 17-22

vs Trinity House lost 17-27

vs St Anne's drew 11-11

vs DSG Grahamstown won 21-19

vs St Stithians won 22-19

vs Springfield won 19-10

Congratulations to Sibonga Mngquji (Grade 10) who was selected for the Festival's "Dream Team." There were 20 schools who participated at the Festival and only 7 players were selected. Well done, Sibonga!



Hockey Tours

U16 Hockey Tournament at Bloemhof, Stellenbosch

Our girls finished in 9th position out of 15 schools in the A section.

U14 Hockey Festival at Roedean, Johannesburg

Out of the 6 matches we played, we won 3, lost 2 and drew 1.

vs Eunice lost 2-0
vs Herschel lost 2-0
vs Garsfontien drew 0-0
vs Roedean won 1-0
vs Waterkloof rained out
vs St Dominics won 1-0
vs St Teresas won 1-0

Thank you to all the staff, coaches and girls who gave up their holidays to coach, manage and represent the school. Your time, effort, energy and commitment is so appreciated.



Hockey Results

vs GHS

1st won 3 – 0	U16D won 1 – 0
2nd drew 1 – 1	U14A won 7 – 0
U16A won 3 – 0	U14B drew 0 – 0
U16B won 2 – 0	U14C won 3 – 0
U16C won 1 – 0	

Cross Country

In the first run of the season we had 25 out of 72 runners in the Junior Category, where we placed 2nd as a team.

The individual results were as follows:

Juniors

4th	Jessica Hoatson
5th	Sienna Solms
11th	Paige Robertson
12th	Nina Rautenbach
18th	Tannah Kendall

Seniors

15th	Hannah Riley
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